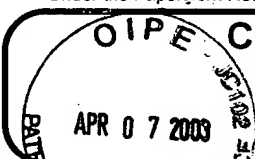


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Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, DC 20231	Attorney Docket No. of Prior Application	ACSC 60419 (1335P)
	First Named Inventor	Stephen G. Schaible
	Examiner Name	Michael M. Thompson
	Group Art Unit	3763
	Express Mail Label No.	EV 131072827 US

This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 458,354
filed on 12/09/1999, entitled CATHETER WITH A TRANSPARENT SHAFT

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

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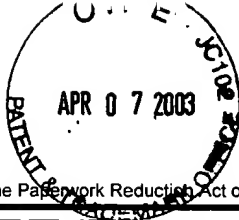
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) \$1,854.00

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001	2001	750	375	Utility filing fee	750.00
1002	2002	330	165	Design filing	
1003	2003	520	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	2004	750	375	Reissue filing	
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 750.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	25 -20** = 5	X 18.00	= 90.00
Independent Claims	4 -3** = 1	X 84.00	= 84.00
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	280	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	1053	130	130	Non - English specification	
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	410	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	930	465	Extension for reply within third month	930.00
1254	2254	1,450	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1403	2403	280	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,300	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,300	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1809	2809	750	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	2810	750	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	750	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	1802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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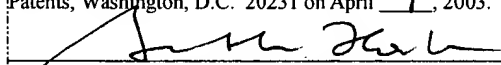
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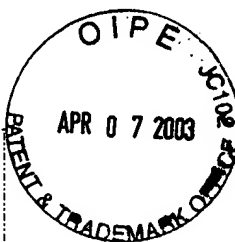
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